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SUBJECT: DIFFERENCES OR DISCREPANCIES IN FRED MORRIS' STORIES

1. I HAVE FOUND THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES OR DISCREPANCIES IN THE
STORIES MORRIS TOLD ME AND THAT PRINTED IN TIME MAGAZINE OF NOV 18.

A. ALTHOUGH HE RELATED TO ME THAT AN ELECTRODE HAD BEEN ATTACHED
TO THE NIPPLE OF HIS RIGHT BREAST, HE NEVER MENTIONED IT PINCHING
SO HARD THAT IT BROKE THE SKIN AND CAUSED BLEEDING.

B. HE TOLD ME THAT HE RECALLED BLACKING OUT ONLY ONCE, INSTEAD
OF "AT LEAST TWICE" AS THE TIME STORY SAYS.

C. HE RELATED TO ME THAT HIS FRIEND LUIZ HAD BEEN TORTURED IN FRONT
OF HIM TO GET MORRIS TO CONFESS TO MORE, INSTEAD OF VICE VERSA AS
STORY CLAIMS.

D. HE DID NOT TELL ME THAT ONE OF HIS TORTURERS (LUIS MIRANDA
FILHO) HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO MORRIS.

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E. MORRIS HAD MET AND TALKED WITH COL. MEZIAT AT LEAST THREE TIMES

DURING JULY 1974; THUS HE KNEW MEZIAT BEFORE THE DETENTION. IN THE TIME STORY MORRIS GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT HE LEARNED MEZIAT'S NAME AFTER IMPRISONMENT.

F. HE LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT HIS RELATIONS WITH TIME MAGAZINE HAD BEEN COVERED ONLY BRIEFLY DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF THE INTENSIVE INTERROGATION. IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING MY REGULAR ACCESS TO HIM HE SAID THAT THE INTERROGATORS BEGAN TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS RELATING TO HIS WORK WITH THE MAGAZINE. THE MAGAZINE'S VERSION, HOWEVER, PUTS MORE EMPHASIS ON THE INTERROGATOR'S INTEREST IN HIS PRESS TIES DURING THE FIRST THREE OR FOUR DAYS OF HIS DETENTION.

G. HE NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT THE SHOCK DEVICE CONSISTING OF A WHEEL WITH SPIKES ON IT.

H. HE RELATED TO ME THAT THE SHOCK TREATMENTS ENDED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON (OCT 1), WHEREAS THE MAGAZINE STORY INDICATES THAT SHOCKS CONTINUED THROUGH WEDNESDAY OCT. 2.

I. THE FIRST MEDICAL EXAMINATION HE TOLD ME HE RECEIVED WAS ON TUESDAY EVENING OCT. 1, AFTER WHICH HE SAID HE WAS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE STANDING, HANDCUFFED POSITION AND PERMITTED TO LIE ON THE FLOOR. THE TIME VERSION SAYS THAT HE WAS EXAMINED FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2.

J. MORRIS RECEIVED THE BIBLE ON OCTOBER 7 AND NOT SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S PROTEST AS THE TIME ARTICLE CONTENDS. THE QUALITY OF HIS FOOD WAS IMPROVED ON OCTOBER 9, OR FIVE DAYS AFTER THE FORMAL PROTEST, AND NOT SEVEN AS STATED IN THE MAGAZINE.

2. I WOULD PLACE THE DISCREPANCIES INTO THREE GENERAL CATEGORIES. CATEGORY ONE IS DISCREPANCY DUE TO FAULTY RECALL AFTER TIME LAPSE AND REFLECTION, OR DUE TO SMALL INTENTIONAL EXAGGERATIONS ON MORRIS' PART. I WOULD PLACE ITEMS A, B, C, G, H, EYE AND J IN THIS CATEGORY. CATEGORY TWO IS DISCREPANCY THAT REFLECTS AN UNTRUTH WHICH IN TURN MIGHT HAVE RESULTED FROM CARELESS EDITING ON THE PART OF TIME MAGAZINE OR COULD HAVE BEEN AN INTENTIONAL MISUSE OF THE FACTS BY MORRIS. POINTS E AND F FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY. CATEGORY THREE IS DISCREPANCY WHICH MAY HAVE ARISEN DUE TO THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INTERVIEW SESSIONS. I PLACE POINT D IN THIS

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CATEGORY. BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF BRAZILIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND A TAPE RECORDER DURING THE INTERVIEW SESSIONS IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT MORRIS DID NOT WANT TO REVEAL THE NAMES OF HIS TORMENTORS TO ME FOR FEAR OF SOME SORT OF REPRISAL AGAINST HIMSELF.;

3. MORE EXPLANATION ON POINT C IS IN ORDER. AFTER GOING BACK OVER MY RATHER COPIOUS NOTES TAKEN DURING THE FIRST SESSION WITH MORRIS ON OCTOBER 3, I AM SURE HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS FORCED TO

WATCH HIS FRIEND LUIZ BEING TORTURED IN HIS PRESENCE. I DO RECALL, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEXT TIME I SAW HIM (SATURDAY, OCT 5), MORRIS, IN RECOUNTING THE STORY OF HIS TREATMENT BEFORE THE TAPE RECORDER, SAID SOMETHING LIKE QUOTE WE WERE TORTURED IN FRONT OF EACH OTHER UNQUOTE. DURING THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS I DID NOT ASK HIM TO REPEAT THE DETAILS OF HIS TREATMENT DURING THOSE FIRST DAYS OF CONFINEMENT AND THUS NEVER REALLY CLARIFIED THIS POINT. IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT MORRIS MAY HAVE BEEN TORTURED IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS FRIEND, AS THE MAGAZINE ARTICLE CONTENDS.

4 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THESE TEN POINTS, THE TIME MAGAZINE VERSION SEEMS TO SQUARE WITH MORRIS' ACCOUNT TO ME. BROWN UNQTE. CRIMMINS

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